

be "unsettled/" no Persians will go by the
route that I
wish to take, and two sets of Kurds, after
making agree-
ments to carry my loads, have disappeared.
Various
Syrians have come down from the mountains
with stories
of Kurdish raids on their sheep and cattle,
but as such
things are always going on, and the
impression that
"things are much worse than usual" does
not rest on
any ascertained basis, my friends do not
advise me to give
up the journey to Kochanes, and I am just
starting *en*
route for Trebizond. I. L. B.